

Green County
Agriculture and Extension Education Committee
August 7, 2019 MINUTES

The August 7, 2019 meeting of the Agriculture and Extension Education Committee was called to order at 12:30 PM by Chair Ken Hodgson. Members present were: Ken Hodgson, Oscar Olson, Art Carter, Erica Roth, and Jody Hoesly. Also present was Paul Ohlrogge, Extension Area Director, Jayne Butts, Extension Green County Office Manager, Hannah Kearns, Extension Green County Summer Assistant, Ellen Andrews, Extension Green County 4-H Youth Educator, and Victoria Solomon, Extension Community Resource Development Educator.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 2019 meeting was made by Hoesly, second Olson. Motion carried.

Green County Educator Reports—

- **Ellen Andrews:** Discussed document on the definition of Extension Volunteers. As Extension merges under the UW umbrella, more discussions will be held how 4-H Clubs fit into the model. 4-H Clubs are recognized as pre-college experience programs. Ellen also discussed 76 going for 4-H Camp next week.
- **Victoria:** Radiation done, chemo ongoing. Gearing up for GCL with 25 new participants and is Victoria's priority program. Discussed the long term study of Belleville which is receiving federal recognition and encouraged state extra funding. Checking on Green County joining multi-cultural outreach programs.
- **Hanna Kearns:** Reiterated how pleased she was to be back in Green County as our Student Assistant. Hanna discussed her involvement with Dairy Day, Master Showman, Premier Exhibitor and Herdsmanship. This year she felt she became much more independent. Her favorite project was Premier Exhibitor due to the teaching ability. Hanna will be wrapping up the season with her 4-H Camp.

The committee reviewed the UW-Extension office bills for July 2019. The EFT payments totaled \$448.91 and the check payments totaled \$1353.91. Motion made by Roth, second by Hoesly, to approve the vouchers for payment. Motion carried.

Paul Ohlrogge, Area Director and Jayne Butts, Office Manager, Extension Green County:

Ohlrogge discussed the Dairy & Beef Well Being Conference Committee that Jackie McCarville will be a part of. As part of that committee, our office has been asked to hold the funds the group has, which total approximately \$9,432.00. Carter noted we should check with the Financial Director, which Butts had already done, and with Corporate Counsel. Butts will follow up.

Ohlrogge reported Jackie is at a meeting regarding publishing in the Amish newspaper. The goal is to start sharing Ag resources with the Amish Community.

Ohlrogge discussed approval for a 4-County Nutritionist Educator to be hired for our area, hopefully in place by October. This person will be an assistant to Donna and will work mainly with income eligible schools.

Ohlrogge discussed the possibility of a State Water Specialist to be hired in Area 17 and housed in one of our counties. This would be surface and ground water focused and would potentially start in 2020. Cost would be approximately \$7,000-\$8,000 per year, however the first year may be funded. Follow up will continue. Ohlrogge will schedule a 4-County Chairman meeting to discuss.

Olson questioned about UW-Extension's involvement with Hemp. Ohlrogge noted Josh Kamps is hosting a field day on 8/9/19 from 9-11:30am in Darlington.

Butts noted the Green County Fair had gone well, with only a few infractions. The Dairy Youth Auction, Fur & Feather Auction, and the Livestock Auction all were successful, with the exception of the horrific winds and weather temps!

Butts stated next month we will be reviewing preliminary budget information.

Ohlrogge discussed the future of the Health & Well Being Educator position. Only one position is available and therefore, would need to be a 60/40 split again with Lafayette County. Ohlrogge noted Lafayette County really liked Hayley's work in the capacity of working with coalitions, mental health, however flexibility in other areas as well. Future person needs to have the flexibility to say "no" if needed. Ohlrogge will work on a new job description to share with the committee.

Carter questioned the WCA/Extension paperwork. Butts provided copies of the documents previously sent and was asked to resend them. Butts will follow up.

The next meeting will be scheduled for September 4th, 2019 at 12:30pm.

Motion by Carter, second by Olson to adjourn at 1:49 pm. Motion carried.